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SUBJECT: HURRICANE FIFI

1. RADIO BELIZE REPORTS THAT EYE OF HURRICANE FIFI MOVED INLAND OVER BELIZE AT 2 P.M. LOCAL TIME (2000Z) AND IS NOW LOCATED OVER VILLAGE OF COWPEN L 16.6 N, LONG. 88.5 W.

2. TIDE HAS CONTINUED TO RISE HERE AND WATER HAS SPREAD OVER BELIZE CITY TO A DEPTH OF TWO TO FIVE FEET.

3. ALL AMERICAN STAFF MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE SAFELY HOUSED IN MY QUARTERS OVER THE OFFICE.

4. ALL PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN THE VICINITY OF BELIZE CITY ARE SAFELY HOUSED. INTERRUPTED COMMUNICATIONS WITH SOUTHERN PART OF BELIZE HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO CONTACT VOLUNTEERS IN THAT AREA, BUT ALL HAD AMPLE ADVANCE WARNING OF DIRECTION OF HURRICANE AND CAN BE PRESUMED TO HAVE TAKEN REFUGE IN DESIGNATED SHELTERS.

5. I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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VICINITY OF BELIZE CITY ARE IN ANY DANGER. THOSE WHO MAY HAVE

BEEN IN THE HURRICANE AREA HAD HAD REPEATED NOTICES FROM
OFFICIAL GOB BROADCASTS AND REPEATED BULLETINS FROM CONGEN
CARRIED BY RADIO BELIZE SINCE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON URGING THEM
TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF HURRICANE SHELTERS. WE HAVE HAD NO
REPORTS OF ANY CASUALTIES INVOLVING AMERICANS.

6. CITY POWER FAILURES HAVE BEEN OCCURRING WITH INCREASING
FREQUENCY, BUT CONGEN'S EMERGENCY GENERATOR HAS SO FAR ENABLED
US TO KEEP COMMUNICATIONS GEAR OPERATING.

7. ANY INTERRUPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH THIS POST WILL BE THE
RESULT OF POWER FAILURE OR FLOODING OF COMMUNICATIONS GEAR. WINDS
HAVE MODERATED AND THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO DANGER TO AMERICAN
PERSONNEL OR TO THEIR FAMILIES. GAWF

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